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# Youth Advisory Council MINUTES Talley Rec | 121 N. Bentz St. 10/22/2019 6:00PM - 7:00PM

### Attended:

Voting: Jude Abijah, Neha Mathur, Willow Stewart, Aidan Carney, Samuel Boison, Sydney

Robinson, Aiden Carney, Cade Culbertson, Lucy Adkins, Jack Surdez

Non-Voting: Krisma Jackson, Ryan Murphy, Leila Ghaffari (replacing Nadia Monnier)

City Staff/Interns: Sean Poulin Guests: Jenny Willoughby

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: S. Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

### Minutes

- 8/27/2019 Minutes were approved.

# **Speaker -** Jenny Willoughby

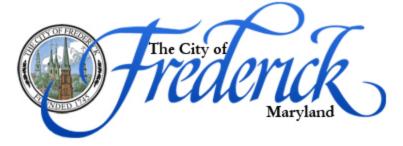
- In charge of eight sectors regarding sustainability within the City of Frederick
- Urban Heat Island Study is in progress in collaboration with Hood College
- Climate Action: in conjunction with DC Metro cities
  - MOU expected to be signed; 18-month plan
- Energy Audits: history of buildings conflict with high level emissions, locations for placing solar panels, etc.
- Food Security Network: >1,500 lbs of food donated to over 400 families in 2018
- Potomac Edison sponsorship: EV stations in Frederick
- Solar on parking decks
- Sustainability page of COF website has additional resources
- Social media: spread word of events
  - Watershed cleanups, etc.

# **Youth Participation**

- Teen Programming
  - Rec Advisor with Parks and Rec is getting into E-Gaming
  - Spring Creek event: Alive @ 5 for kids

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- Food Trucks
- Blankets to read/listen to music
- Music
- Cornhole
- Voter Participation A. Carney
  - Working on infographics
    - Various YAC members will work on them
  - Voter Registration link to be sent out (vote.org)
  - Interested in inviting candidates to town halls.

### Jobs/Internships

- J. Surdez confirmed that 4 businesses, including Pretzel Pizza, are willing to provide student discounts after a conversation.
- Pretzel Pizza is considering a "happy hour" for high school students.
- The program is anticipated to expand with the success of other businesses' student discounts.
- Window decals may be put on sponsoring restaurants.
- Walkersville, Urbana, Frederick, GTJHS, Tuscarora
- Potential for expansion to other Frederick County schools
- ID Discount confirmed unanimously.

### **Diversity Outreach**

- No further updates.

### **Term Dates**

- To be switched from November to August to accommodate for graduating high school seniors.

# **Comprehensive Plan 2020**

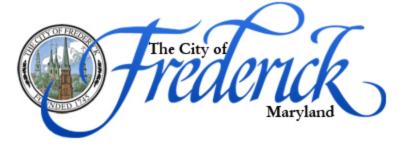
- S. Poulin will write up plan for priorities of YAC.

# **November Meeting**

- Frederick County Office of Children and Family is seeking the opinions of children and parents regarding the livelihood and condition of Frederick County for youth
- Community meetings to take place in workshops
- Teens meeting set for about Feb. 14
- Nov. Meeting will have food; trends to be discussed

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- S. Poulin will facilitate meeting; food; possibly in the Talley Center gymnasium
- Members of the community are invited to join the meeting.

# **Diversity Festival**

- S. Boison: festival is a work in progress.

Meeting Adjourned on a motion by N. Mathur, seconded by J. Abijah; the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm